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Potawatomi Pow Wow 1994

Above: Beautiful Traditional Cloth Dancers Await Their Turn To Dance. Left: Pow Wow Is A Time Of Learning, As A Young Dancer Listens To Advice From An Elder.

TRIBAL TRACTS

Pow wow t-shirts, souvenir programs are still available

Tribal museum curator and gift shop director Esther Lowden reminds tribal members who couldn't come to the pow wow that they can still order some mementoes of the occasion.

The 1994 Potawatomi Pow Wow T-shirts, which feature artwork by internationally-famous Potawatomi artist the late Woody Crumbo, are still available. "Dog Soldier Dancer" is printed in black on ash, purple, red or teal shirts (call to see if your size is available in a specific color) at \$8 for children's sizes and \$12 for adult sizes.

Also still available are souvenir Pow Wow Programs. Send \$1.50, which will cover the cost of the program and the postage.

Esther also reports that 1995 calendars are now in stock at a cost of \$3.75.

Call the toll-free number, 1-800-880-9880 to order by phone.



JTPA Summer School

Young people involved in the tribe's JTPA Summer Youth Program went to school at Gordon Cooper Area Vocational-Technical School this summer, learning about a variety of subjects. On one particular day, for instance,

Gayla Higgins from First Oklahoma Bank talked about checking accounts to begin the day. Then crafts instructor Eva Duncan, pictured at right, talked about tradition al clothing. Above, student Kelly Shields displays some of the accessories they made.

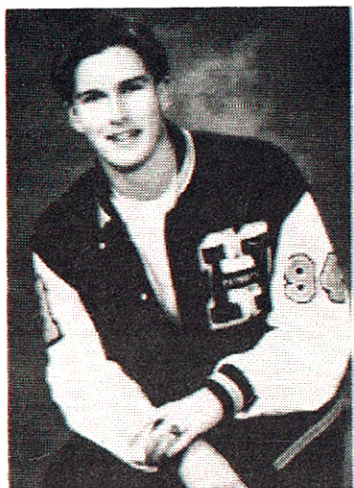


Gretler graduates with honors from Patrick Henry High School

Darren Michael Gretler, grandson of Philonise Williams who is the Regional Representative from Phoenix, Arizona, was graduated with Academic Distinction and Honors from Patrick Henry High School in San Diego, California on June 15, 1994.

While attending Patrick Henry High School, Darren was a pitcher on the varsity baseball team and for the last two years was selected for the San Diego Union-Tribune All Academic Team and this year for the City Conference Academic Team for Baseball. He was also a student member of the Science Advisory Board for the San Diego Science Fair.

Because of the many hours Darren has spent volunteering and working in the classroom with children with learning disabilities and other special needs, he was selected to take part in an exchange program last summer with the San Diego/Edinburgh Sister City Society. He was chosen along with four other students from San Diego to receive a



grant from Reader's Digest which enabled the students to travel to Scotland for five weeks and the Scottish students to travel to San Diego for four weeks. While living in each other's homes, the students spent their summer volunteering their time to work with people of all ages who had various special needs.

Darren has been accepted at the University of California at San Diego where he plans to start classes in the fall.

Cedar Lodge CASA program awarded grant

The Cedar Lodge CASA program has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association for the expansion of advocacy services to abused and neglected Native American children involved in the tribal courts of the Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Band Potawatomi, Iowa, Kickapoo and Sac and Fox.

The Cedar Lodge CASA program is one of 72 CASA programs nationwide to receive

funds from a \$3.5 million allocation from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice.

The Cedar Lodge CASA program was started in 1993 as a result of the combined efforts of Judge Philip Lujan; Potawatomi tribal chaplain Norman Kiker, who is president of Cedar Lodge, Inc.; and Edie Head, the first director of the program. CASA had been available in several district juvenile courts but it was

felt that the Native American Indian children needed a "voice in court," according to current director Sharon Cameron. The initial funding for the Cedar Lodge CASA Program came as a \$10,000 grant from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

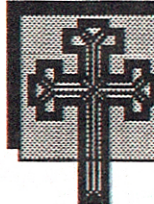
The Cedar Lodge CASA program needs volunteers from the rural areas of Shawnee, McLoud, Perkins, and Stroud.

Deadline Aug. 15 for scholarships

Applications for tribal scholarships must be postmarked by August 15 for fall semester. You have 30 days after the deadline date in which to submit proof of enrollment, tuition cost, last year's income and grades from last funded semester.

Descendancy enrollees are not eligible to participate in the scholarship program. The Scholarship Program was developed from Judgment Funds awarded in Dockets 14-K, 29-J, 217, 15-M, 29-K and 146.

You can call the Tribal Rolls office for an application or your nearest Regional Office.



A message from the chaplain...

by Rev. Norman W. Kiker

First of all, I want to thank the families of Bill Wamego and John Bibb for allowing us the honor of doing something for them and the memories of their fathers. Of course nothing can take the place of the real presence of our loved ones, but when we the living do care, we should show our concern and respect for those who have lost someone. A big thank you to those who helped prepare the food and serve it.

This year Father Michael Smith (Potawatomi) was celebrant. My thanks to you, Mike. Father Smith is moving to Naytah Waysh, Minnesota. He will be serving among our Ojibway brothers and sisters at a parish located on the reservation.

Father Barney Jackson (Cherokee) was not able to be with us this year due to surgery but he should be back next year for our pow wow and worship service. Keep Father Jackson in your prayers.

I am looking forward to the next pow wow worship service and I hope to see many of you there next year.

Walking on

LARRY D. LEDLOW

Tribal member Larry D. Ledlow, son the the late Claude W. and Katherine H. (Smith) Ledlow, was born Monday, May 6, 1940, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He passed away Tuesday, June 14, 1994, in the St. Joseph Hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts. He is buried at Billerica, near his home in N. Billerica, Maine, his church and many friends.

Larry was very proud of his Indian heritage through his mother's ancestral line. His grandmother was Ruby G. (McKee) Smith whose father was John B. McKee. John's mother was Elizabeth (Letendre) McKee whose parents were John B. Letendre and our original Potawatomi grandmother, Keecheeaqua (big woman). They moved from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area to Kansas.

Survivors are his wife, Diane R. (Barrett) Ledlow, their daughter, Regina M. (Ledlow) Lechleitner of Logansport, IN.; his mother, who lives in Oklahoma City, OK and his sister, Claudia K. (Ledlow) McWatters, who lives at Roanoke, Texas.

DELAYNE ALEXANDER BERGERON

DeLayne Alexander Bergeron died Friday, July 1, 1994.

Services were held Tuesday, July 5, at Bill Eisenhour NE Chapel with burial following at Arlington Memorial Gardens.

Born February 12, 1925, in Wanette, he was the son of William Oliver and Maude Crystal (Evans) Bergeron. He was retired from civil service at Tinker Air Force Base.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel B. of the home in Washington, Oklahoma; two sons and their wives, Gary D. and Lura D. Bergeron, Newcastle, Richard D. and Amanda Bergeron, Washington; daughter and son-in-law, Frances M. and Don L. Davis, Washington; two brothers, Rev. Don E. Bergeron, Oklahoma City and John T. Bergeron, Earlsboro; three sisters, Helen Godfrey, Shawnee; Edith Glasgow, Poteau, Oklahoma and Alice Greenwalt, Wasco, California; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

BILLIE FAYE WHIPPLE

Billie Faye Whipple, mother of tribal members David, Drew and Dana Whipple, walked on Tuesday, June 28, 1994, at 4:00 p.m.

Graveside services were held Friday, July 1, 1994, in Amarillo, Texas.

Billie was daughter-in-law of John and Evelyn Whipple and sister-in-law of Lu and John Ellis. She was loved and will be missed on this path.

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REGIONAL REPORTS

PORTLAND

Bourzho Oregon;

Yes, summer has finally arrived to Oregon. I must tell you I missed the fine weather that we have here when I was in Oklahoma, and the temperature was 103 degrees. But I fooled them and danced anyway. We are so lucky to have such a good state to live in, with such mild temperatures. No wonder many of our people have come west.

Yes, I attended the Council meeting and the Pow Wow at Shawnee. It was great, with 450 dancers there it didn't leave too much room for me. The most magnificent regalia and dance costumes you will find anywhere. I wish I could have taken all of you with me, if nothing else but to meet your committee members so you could see how sincerely interested and caring all of them are, and genuinely concerned for you and your tribe. That is why we have the regional offices, so we can help each other, and maintain a close connection to our main Tribe.

One thing I did find out when I was back there is that you can now get your medication from the Potawatomi Pharmacy by mail. First call the toll free number 1-800-880-9880 and ask to speak to the pharmacy or Joyce Abel. Tell him/her what medication you are taking (it must be on their list of medications mailable). They will then tell you how much the medication is plus postage. You must then send the amount in a cashier's check along with a prescription from your doctor to Tribal Office in Shawnee and they will mail out your medication. It is cost plus 10 per cent. You can save by doing this, so why not call and see what they can do for you? Or call me at 1-800-522-3744 and I will see if I can find out for you.

I have some dates for those of you that would like to go to a Pow Wow. I hope you will find one near you and attend. Remember, when they call "inter-tribal" or "friendship dance," everyone can dance.

July 29-31: Chief Joseph Encampment and Rodeo, Joseph, Oregon, Pow-Wow, Rodeo and Parade.

Aug. 1st weekend: Huckleberry Feast at He-he Longhouse and Rodeo Grounds. North of Warm Springs, OR. on Hwy 26-take a left at 2nd Kah' nee-ta turn off.

Aug. 6: Boise, Idaho, Potawatomi Potluck Picnic, 6745 Santa Ana St., call Nicole at 362-5385 or here for directions.

Aug. 5: Upper Skagit Cultural Awareness Day/Tribal Center in Sedro in Sedro Wooley, WA (drumming and dancing. Call Upper Skagit Tribe. 206-856-5501.

Aug. 6-7: 17th Annual Kitsop County Indian Center Pow-Wow, Kitsop Park in Silverdale, WA.

Aug. 12-14: Siletz Pow-Wow, Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, Siletz, Oregon. For information call Karen Bell at 503-444-2532.

Aug. 2nd weekend: Omak Stampede at Nespelem, WA, Coville Reservation. For information. Call 509-634-4711.

Aug. 19-21: Grand Ronde Pow-Wow at the Tribal Community Center, Grand Ronde, OR. Call 503-879-5211.

Lynn F. Burnette, SR. a Rosebud Sioux veteran and artist, organized and established a foundation to raise money for a Native American War Dead Memorial. Although over 250,000 Native Americans served in the U.S. Armed Forces, they received little attention for their service. It is time to give this much deserved recognition to the men and women who served in the two world wars and many military actions. May they no longer be ignored or forgotten, but raised to the highest honor we can give them. Mr. Bud Burnette has completed a model of a bronze statue, showing a young Native American man leaving for war. Shields representing each of the 297 tribes in the U.S. surround the sculpture to memorialize the great courage, patriotism and love of family shown by their war dead. The war memorial will be placed outside of scenic Lander, WY. bordering the Wind River mountains. This area was chosen because its location was central to the traditional hunting ground for many tribes in years past. The Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes are located there..The project is being funded by private contributions.

More good news for Oregon — a generous donation of \$100,000, from a Mr. Bud Bresciani of New York was given to the American Indian Association of Portland for the American Indian Cultural Center. Bud's generosity wasn't limited to just the Cultural Center, he also made donations of \$10,000 to the Native American Rehabilitation Assoc. for their family alcohol/drug abuse treatment program and \$5,000 to the Portland/Vancouver Chapter of the Northwest Indian Veterans Assoc. and \$1,000 to the Vancouver Division of PRRP (PTSD) program for art supplies. Mr. Bresciani was a U.S. Army Ranger and Vietnam War Veteran. We're truly thankful and humbled by the generosity to our Northwest Indian communities from this "nice Italian guy from New York."

Until next month, come by and see me or call me at 1-800-533-3744.

Megwich,
Rocky Baptiste

Remember the teachings of your grandparents. Be of one thought and heart; that's our belief. Keep and open home. Help one another. The more you give, the more you receive. That's our Indian way...

PHOENIX

Bourzho!

Oh my, wasn't it a hot time in the old pow wow grounds at night! And was I happy to be there? You bet! I was honored to be there. From the day I arrived I felt I was wrapped in a large blanket of warmth and affection. At first I thought it was just me, but as time went on others expressed the same feelings. There was magic in the air that could not be explained.

After I returned home I came across a paragraph that seemed to belong with the atmosphere a number of us felt. I'd like to share it with you. "For every difference that makes us unique, there is a common thread that connects us all. We share the need for home and community, for love and respect. May these common threads form a beautiful world in which all people and all creatures are honored."

Thank you, Business Committee for allowing it to happen; thank you Pow Wow committee for your hard work putting it all together, and thank all of you who came from near and far to bring it all together. It was wonderful to put faces with voices and make new friends and visit old friends. There were others I would like to have seen while I was there, but there is always next year. I met more people from the Southwestern Area, after I asked them to come forward in the council meeting, than I have received phone calls in the six months I have been here. I especially want to thank Linda Harris, Burke Wyatt and David Whittall, who came to me with sincere offers to get actively involved. Believe me, I will be calling all of you. There have been offers to help stuff envelopes. Some said just anything I need help with they'd do. Thank you for the offers; you'll be hearing from me.

I especially want to give a big thank you to my family who were able to make it and be with me during this wonderful week. My trip down memory lane was about what I expected. The little town had changed a lot. Most of the stores on Main Street were closed, the old school house was still there but no longer in use. I did get to sit at the desk of the first grade room and write a few memories. I trod the halls with the pigeons and falling plaster. To my amazement, the high school wasn't as big as it was in my youth. The old homestead was still there with a few improvements and the library was still in operation ... well enough of this. I hope I haven't bored you too much. Please let me hear from you, that is the only way I will be able to help you. Remember, this our office; I am only the go between. I will return your calls and try to help in any way I can.

Megwich,
Philonise A. Williams

DALLAS

As they say, the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray. My husband and I were all set to go to Shawnee for the Council Meeting and the Pow Wow. Then we got a call telling us that my husband's mother was in serious condition. So, instead of heading north, we headed south to Livingston, Texas and from there to Beaumont, then back to Livingston. Ernest's mother, Lydia Ellis, had seven pints of blood replaced and considering her size, that was almost all of her blood supply. On Saturday, she appeared to be stabilized so we headed back to Dallas and on to Shawnee.

We arrived in Shawnee Saturday evening around 9 p.m. and I thought we would be able to check in the hotel and still make part of the Pow Wow. Wrong again! There was no room at the inn, Holiday Inn that is, or any other inn in Shawnee or Oklahoma City. When we finally found a room on 35 South almost to Norman, I began to get the feeling I was going in circles. Seems we had just turned off 35 at Norman going to Shawnee. But it was a nice room, a suite in fact.

Sunday, we went back to Shawnee and finally caught up with the other representatives at lunch and made it to the Pow Wow on Sunday evening. I apologize, especially to those tribal members from the North Texas Region who were there and wondered where I was. Cynthia Dorries called to ask where I was as they did not see me there. And I was especially sorry that I did not get to meet Ike Kahdot as he is related to me. I was looking forward to meeting him, but Esther tells me there were lots of pictures taken that will be in the How-Ni-Kan.

We were proud to be at the Pow Wow for at least one night and it was beautiful. The beauty and power of the dances and the regalia is difficult to describe and I hope some of you were there to experience it.

I hope your summer is going well. Let me know if there is any information I can give you or help you to find.

Marjorie Hobdy

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SEATTLE

Bourzho from Washington State!

After planning for and looking forward to it, it's amazing how quickly our time at Pow Wow went this year!

Eric and I were grateful to have time before our gathering to meet with members of the Business Committee and Chaplain Norman Kiker for re-connecting and socializing. We also had a week afterward to do some visiting and to make some important introductions. My deepest thanks to those who took the time out to be available to us; I felt that it was time very well spent.

Pow Wow weekend dawned hot and clear. I was told that the temperature reached 108 degrees but refused to confirm it! It's always exciting to watch 450 dancers in competition (Maryann Frank of the Kansas City Region was beautiful in her dancing!) and to be a part of the many others participating in the entire experience. It's fun to know you're there as part of a family and that you're surrounded by good friends. I thank everyone who worked so hard to make Pow Wow the special time it was; when I think of all the time and effort that had to have been spent organizing it boggles the mind! But it was time well spent and I'm grateful I had a chance to attend.

There was also time to visit with the Regional Representative during the week prior to Pow Wow, to share concerns received from other tribal members and to share resources we tap — and learn new possibilities. Our reps are very special people and very open to working with you. If you can't reach me, give one of them a call. We're all working together for your benefit.

I would like to thank Rocky for the opportunity to present Bill and Shirley Willard from Rochester, Indiana, during Council and for letting us do our presentation on the Potawatomi Trail of Death Caravan, which they have organized and led. And for letting me present the gifts from Minnetrista. If you would like to be on a mailing list for the next caravan, which is planned for 1998 and will honor the Vieux family as far as I know, please give me a call; I'd love to get you on the list! Although the Vieux weren't directly on the 1838 Removal as near as I can tell, Louis Sr.'s father-in-law was.

I'd also like to thank Bob Davis, Mary Farrell, Connie Baker, Esther Lowden, Joie White and Norman Kiker for being available to speak with Nicholas Clark, the Executive Director of Minnetrista Center in Muncie, IN. He was grateful for the time to meet with each of you and was very impressed with Shawnee. We drove him around the complex and out to Sacred Heart during his stay.

If you have children between the ages of 5 and 11, drop by the Burke Museum in Seattle between now and Labor Day (11a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday) to view the exhibit on Northwest artifacts and to give your children and opportunity to make and take home a model of an artifact on exhibit. It's a marvelous hands-on experience.

And don't forget — take in a Pow Wow. Don't know what to expect? Call and ask for my Pow Wow Etiquette flyer! There are big powwows coming up Labor Day weekend. Get involved! It's a lot of fun.

Meanwhile, I hope you made it to a picnic. My deepest thanks to Philonise Kulani, Nicole Collins and Shayshoshewa Westin for all their time and effort, I know I had fun!

Our Potawatomi word for today: Wa-wa-nah. It means "I give you thanks" (as opposed to Megwetch, meaning "It is enough" as I learned during our travels with Nick). To all of you: Wa-wa'-nah!

Susan Campbell

DENVER

As promised, I will start by telling you of my wonderful experiences at this year's Pow Wow. It was truly a moving time, and so nice to see so many dear friends again. Even the weather seemed to cooperate with us, and while it was hot as expected at that time of year, I feel that the weather Gods were smiling upon us, as each evening at the Pow Wow grounds we were fortunate to have a lovely evening breeze that helped make it pleasant to sit there and watch the beautiful ceremonies and dancers.

Each year the Pow Wow itself seems to get bigger and better. There were so many dancers in the Grand Entry that the arena grounds were truly filled and the sight of all of the beautiful dance outfits and regalia was truly one to remember. Friday night was the Tiny Tots dance portion of the Pow Wow and there were over twice as many dancers as ever before. I think that the Business Committee was truly overwhelmed with the number of participants, and I am so pleased that the parents are taking such an interest and doing such a wonderful job of teaching the skills to our youth and in this way carrying on our traditions and culture.

The meeting on Saturday was well attended with a representation from all over the country. The reports that were presented were very informative and I feel all that attended came away feeling that they knew a little more about the workings of the Tribe and what really goes on behind the scenes to make this such a successful endeavor. It is always so nice to see our Business Committee and the other employees of the Tribal Complex at work and understand just what it is that they do.

Of course I had to spend my usual time at that Tribal Store and make my annual purchases. The T-shirts were beautiful as all of the merchandise was, and decisions are always so hard, especially when you have to worry about suitcase space for the trip home, but I did my share to boost the sales for the weekend.

Sunday, we had a very beautiful and moving church service under the big tent at the Pow Wow grounds. It was both a celebration of faith, and a memorial service for some of our departed members. Our tribal chaplain Norman Kiker and his wife so graciously made us feel welcome and after the services had a lovely buffet for those in attendance. It was certainly a beautiful way to start our last day at the Pow Wow.

Needless to say, with everything that was going on, and not wanting to miss anything, it was a busy time, and when I finally did manage to get to my room, sleep was not long in coming. But it was such a good time that I forgot to feel tired, and just tried to do as much as possible in the short time I was there.

Now that this wonderful event is over for this year, I am busy making the preparations for our own Regional Council meeting which will be held on Sunday, September 11, back at the lovely Chief Hosa Lodge. So be sure and mark your calendars now for that date. There will be much more in next month's How Ni Kan, and you will of course be receiving your own invitation with more details.

Norma Whitley

KANSAS CITY

Bourzho,

What an absolutely wonderful powwow we had in Shawnee this year. Some of my friends got to come and see our tribal grounds, got a chance to dance and drum and had a wonderful time. It was an honor and privilege to be among the Business Committee in the Grand Entry. Even though it was hot during the day, by evening it wasn't too bad, (except for Sunday maybe.) It is such a good feeling to meet with everyone involved and all the regional representatives. They are such a wonderful and caring group of individuals, we are so fortunate to have them working for us. (And yes Norma, I will call you the next time I am in Denver!) I want to say thank you again to everyone for all the compliments on my dancing and dance outfits.

I just wanted to mention that the picture that was sent in for the April 1994 *HowNiKan* by Glenn LaZelle and Norma Hodge of Josette Wilmot, (also known as Elizabeth Wilmot) is my great-great-great-grandmother. According to my records, she was the daughter of Archange and Antoine Ouillette (original spelling of the family name.) Elizabeth was also married to Michael Welch, her second husband, and had two children, Joseph and Catherine Welch. Joseph married Mary Ducharme and Catherine married Basil Greemore. Basil was the son of Charles Greemore and Rose Toupin. Thank you, Glenn and Norma, for having the picture published and it was a pleasure to have met you in Shawnee!

Upcoming powwows:

August 5 & 6, Stillwell, Ok. Bell powwow, 1204 N. 2nd, or call Nancy Thomas at (918) 696-5693.

August 12-14, Columbia, Mo. Thunderbird Society Powwow at Boone County Fairgrounds, contact Vonnie Towner (314) 474-5303.

August 19-21, Nevada, Mo. Clear Creek powwow at Ed Woodington's farm. Rt. 1, Milo, Mo. 64767 (417) 944-2745.

Everyone keep in touch; I'm only a phone call away.

Megwetch,
Maryann Frank

REGIONAL REPORTS

MERCED

Bourzho from Merced,

Well, this has been quite a month. I note that the trip to Shawnee had a lot to do with it. This year the Pow Wow was another spectacular gathering of Native Peoples with the dancers, drummers, directors, and visitors all providing an atmosphere of spirituality, friendliness, and general feeling of family.

I met many of the local brothers and sisters and was privileged to participate in a "sweat" as well as a "sunrise pipe ceremony" remembering Bill Wamego.

The gathering of all the Regional Representatives together with the Council and the various representatives of the Tribe was once again a very "spiritual" experience. The feeling of Family was spoke of often by all who were there. It was also an opportunity to get together with many visitors to the Pow Wow from the California regions.

The one "black cloud" on our visit was the loss of our bank president, Murlin Derebery. Having attended the memorial service, I wished that I could have known this person better, and offer condolences to all who did. I know his passing is a great loss to our tribe in its banking endeavor. Our tribal chaplain, Norman Kiker, provided a wonderful, uplifting service under the "tent" on Pow Wow Sunday. We also enjoyed the hospitality of Norman and his wife Claudia, who spent a lot of time with the reps during our visit. The Tribal Gift Shop and Museum insured that I had to ship two boxes back in addition to all we carried. It's a good thing this is an annual trip. Esther has done a wonderful job with both the Museum and the Gift Shop and to her and her "crew" we offer our thanks.

On the Sunday before the Pow Wow, I had an opportunity to visit family I hadn't seen in many years at a family gathering in Shawnee with my cousin Brenda providing the entertainment. Most of the family got to attend the Pow Wow also. As you can tell, this was a wonderful 10 day vacation for my wife and me with many friends made and a lot of spiritual happenings. The time we spent with those families that were there early also provided for a lifetime closeness that will never be taken away.

For our local area, the Potawatomi Sweat has been scheduled for August 20 and 21 with those two days set aside for any of you who are interested. The Sweat will be at the home of Steve Donnell (the drummer for our past two years meetings) in Mariposa. Mariposa is about 40 minutes from Merced toward Yosemite Park. Please contact me as soon as possible as we already have 9 participants and need to know how many Sweats to schedule those two days.

The North Fork Pow Wow will be held August 5, 6 and 7 in North Fork which is north of Fresno approximately one hour. There will also be a Pow Wow in Three Rivers on August 12, 13 and 14. Three Rivers is east of Visalia, 30 minutes. There will be a Pow Wow in Porterville the last week end of September also.

I've had a lot of inquiries on health care as well as a few enrollment questions. Please call if you have any questions or if we can be of help. There was a lot of sharing of the cultural history of our People at this Pow Wow in Oklahoma, and we hope to have much of the information available for next year's Regional Meeting.

Have a safe summer and Megwetch,

Gary Bibb

HOUSTON

Bourzho!

Your Southern Texas Representative is still on the road, now in Kansas, after attending one of the best Pow Wows ever. While in Shawnee, we were blessed with the company of old friends and new, and honored with time given by Elders and teachers. We came away enriched and inspired. We missed those of you who could not be with us.

Megwetch, Wa Wa Nah, E Gi Yen, for all you have given, Nikon.

If you have not been "home," go, we urge you. You don't know what you are missing. The tribal complex, the museum and store, the golf course, the pow wow grounds, the old church and the new bank, all these and much more, are beautiful and so well cared for. It makes this Potawatomi proud, and I began to think of what it really means to me to be a Citizen Band Potawatomi. Megwetch for all that hard work, to those of you so deserving for jobs well done.

John got some good video, and some good 35mm photos, which we will share as time goes by. We will be going back to Texas soon, and get all this film processed!

Go to as many Pow Wows as you can this summer, dance and enjoy the time in the "Indian" World.

Call me, I want to hear from you.

Lu Ellis

MINNETRISTA COUNCIL REPORT

By Susan Campbell

Tribal Representative To The Council

The Minnetrista Summer Council was held in Miami, Oklahoma, the weekend of June 30 through July 2.

The activities officially began July 1 when we were hosted by Miami Chief Floyd Leonard at the annual catfish fry held in the Miami Longhouse outside of town. Approximately 300 people attended and feasted on cornmeal-dipped catfish, salads, baked beans, fry bread, grape duplings, cookies, and cake. I had the opportunity to greet Chief Leonard and to spend time visiting with member of the Miami Business Committee as well as a Miami elder.

In the late afternoon, back at the motel, Eugene Brown, also a Miami tribal member, presented a display of his hand-made flutes, playing and teaching as he went. With tears in his eyes, his face registering his pain, he told us that years ago his daughter had come to him and asked him what it meant to be Indian. And he couldn't tell her, because he had been taught away from Tradition. Together they learned. "And that's not the way it's supposed to be," he said. "The elder is supposed to be teaching the younger." He pleaded with us to develop a craft into a fine skill and then to pass it on. And he urged us to discover and share the stories of our people and to not let the flame of tribal identity perish with our generation.

We spent the evening at the Quapaw pow wow. The pow wow is held in a tree-lined valley near the tribal headquarters. Family camps, much like old-time revival camps, are set up in the trees, with one family maintaining their site through several generations. Camps are often wooden structures with screened-in walls and blankets hung for privacy. Eric felt that this must be similar to the summer camp experience of our ancestors, when we moved between summer and winter camps. There was no grand entry this first night, just the Lord's Prayer and open dancing. What a marvelous experience.

Our council meeting was held the next morning at the Miami Tribal Headquarters. Ottawa Chief Charles Dawes opened our meeting with prayer in the Ottawa language (yes, I could recognize some of the words, for with the Ottawa and the Ojibwe we were once the Anishinabe people and spoke one language!).

Nicholas Clark, the Executive Director, reported on the recent Woodland Nations Gathering Workshops held in Muncie, IN. There were 210 in attendance this year, up quite a bit from the 4 who attended the first workshops a few years ago. Honor dances were held during that week for Miami Chief Raymond White of Indiana and for Mike Daugherty, a teacher in the Pokagon Band both of whom passed away this winter.

We were given opportunities at this point to report on tribal happenings and I was asked to share about our Pow Wow, which I did. The Pokagons, who are very close to sovereignty, will hold their annual Pow Wow Labor Day weekend; if you're interested in attending their traditional gathering (no contests) I have the flyer. Last year they had 8-10,000 attend.

It was noted that CNN had a team to the Miamis in Peru, IN and to Muncie for a special report in November on sovereignty while Turner Network will be broadcasting "Native Americans: The Truth Behind the Myth" in October. Both programs will have segments on the Woodlands Tribes unlike National Geographic whose June Pow Wow article overlooked us. But again on the plus side Time-Life is showing interest in doing a book on the Woodlands people.

There have been two meetings on Prophetstown, the historical site in Indiana where once, in the early 1800's, 17 villages gathered together to support Tecumseh and his brother the Prophet in their fight against encroaching settlers (the Potawatomi had their own village). Of the 246 acres now acquired, 200 of them sit on a bluff overlooking the Wabash River, the perfect site for a Native American Cultural Center and Traditional Village. It has been proposed that Minnetrista lease the land for 99 years and build the Center as we choose. Several foundations in the region could be approached to ask for assistance. This generated much discussion — and concern was expressed over leased property surrounded by state-owned land and the history of states to cancel leases when it best serves their interests. Cases in Oklahoma were cited as examples of states revoking federal leases. Senator Gery of Indiana has agreed to meet with us on-site, along with representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, to discuss our concerns. The decision regarding leasing will be tabled until after that meeting. (If you have any input on this, please let me know.)

The 1994 MCGLNAS Conference, focusing on Treaties and Recognition, Indian Health Issue and Native Cures, Language and Cultural Retention, and Repatriation will be held Sept. 22-24 in Kalamazoo, MI and is open to all who would like to attend. The line-up of instructors is excellent. Contact Minnetrista at P.O. Box 1527, Muncie, IN 47380-1527 if you're interested.

Repatriation was our next topic of discussion. The museums in the U.S. are required to make aware to the tribes any remains, artifacts, burial items, etc. which they have for return to the tribe involved. Each tribe is asked to form a committee to meet with the museums, to correspond with the museums, regarding the return of these sacred items. The Shawnee have already formed a 11 member committee to do so and urged the other tribes to form a similar group. The Miami shared that they also have done that. There is some grant money available for travel to view artifacts under discussion, but each tribe must have a united committee or group before artifacts will be returned which means for the Potawatomi, all our bands must appoint representative to serve on a repatriation committee together. I am trying to get hold of the information we need to do so.

We discussed and approved the new bylaws (copies available through my office if you'd like to see them) of Minnetrista Council for Great Lakes Native American Studies (MCGLNAS). Bal Foundation has made a grant available for our incorporation in the state of Indiana. The final draft will be available for voting on in September.

The Nominating Committee report was made but will be voted on in September as well as a few changes needed to be made.

Our next meeting will be September 22 in Kalamazoo, MI.

Our meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

My final Minnetrista activity was a trip out to the Quapaw Pow Wow grounds accompanied by Greg Ballew and his wife, Pokagon Band members. There I met with the White Thunder Singers a Pokagon Potawatomi drum and singing group which has just put out their first album. We sat under a grove of trees and had a lengthy visit with John and Pat Warren, the leaders of the group and other members in attendance. They asked if we had a drum and expressed an interest in helping us. We found we have friends in common and when we parted it was as friends ourselves.

If you'd like a copy of their tape of Pow Wow songs, the first Potawatomi tape I've found, contact Esther Lowden at 1-800-88-9880; she has the addresses you'll need!

After spending the week with Nick, attending the meeting and spending the time with White Thunder Singers, I came away feeling good about the whole experience. It was good to meet with members of other tribes and very good to meet with members of another Potawatomi Band to share our common history and ancestry. I feel deep-down that the time is coming when these barriers of the past 150 years will come down and we will all meet again as brothers and sisters in friendship and peace. It is my prayer that the time comes quickly.

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Swirling Shawls, Brilliant Colors Of Many Dancers Paint A Brilliant Picture During An Intertribal Dance Following Grand Entry



One Of Several Drums Which Provided Pow Wow Music



Emcee Jo Jo Lane, Pow Wow Chairman Joe Cozad In Announcer's Booth

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Tiny Tots Steal The Show

So many small dancers showed up for the Tiny Tots competition (where everybody wins \$5) that tribal officials had to make a run for money before handing

out the cash awards. The group above is waiting patiently for their \$5 bills, while below are two of the youngsters who caught the photographer's eye.



1994 Potawatomi Pow Wow Competition Winners

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| <u>Northern Drum</u> | 2nd. Amber Hughes |
| 1. Blackbird | 3rd. Lori Atkins |
| 2. MGM | 4th. Danielle Primeaux |
| 3. Dancing Bear Creek | <u>Senior Women</u> |
| 4. Brave Scouts | <u>Fancy Shawl</u> |
| <u>Southern Drum</u> | 1st. Tracey Moore |
| 1. Yellowhammer | 2nd. Leslie Barichello |
| 2. No Shame | 3rd. Becky Hawpetoss |
| 3. Bad Medicine | 4th. Muriel Stewart |
| 4. Ft. Oakland | <u>Senior Women</u> |
| Ramblers | <u>Buckskin</u> |
| <u>Golden Age Buckskin</u> | 1st. Sarah Pacheco |
| 1st. Sylvestine Shields | 2nd. Terra Trujillo |
| 2nd. Sandra | 3rd. Timmi Huber |
| Spottedwolf | 4th. Alice Ann Kauhity |
| 3rd. Sarah Barnett | <u>Senior Women Jingle</u> |
| <u>Golden Age Cloth</u> | 1st. Melissa Shane |
| 1st. Mary Ann Anquoe | 2nd. Julia Harragarra |
| 2nd. Sandra Moore | 3rd. Alana Baker |
| 3rd. Agnes Shuckahosee | 4th. Winona Goodeagle |
| <u>Golden Age</u> | <u>Junior Girls Buckskin</u> |
| <u>Fancy Shawl</u> | 1st. Chalene Toehay |
| 1st. Thomasine Moore | 2nd. Ponka-we Victors |
| 2nd. Dolly Lane | 3rd. Amelia Cozad |
| <u>Golden Age Jingle</u> | 4th. Cody Chaino |
| 1st. Delores Goodeagle | <u>Junior Girls Jingle</u> |
| 2nd. Lorraine Sigwing | 1st. Rena Whitecloud |
| <u>Golden Age Straight</u> | 2nd. B.J. Hughes |
| 1st. Paul Roughface | 3rd. Diana Grant |
| 2nd. Ted Moore | 4th. Traci Juneau |
| 3rd. Harry Walker | <u>Junior Girls</u> |
| <u>Golden Age Traditional</u> | <u>Fancy Shawl</u> |
| 1st. Patrick | 1st. Cree Cree Hughes |
| Spottedwolf | 2nd. Tahnee Ahtone |
| 2nd. Don Marlin | 3rd. Staci Juneau |
| 3rd. John Whiteshirt | 4th. Jackie Beard |
| <u>Golden Age Fancy</u> | <u>Junior Girls Cloth</u> |
| 1st. Dixon Palmer | 1st. Magpie Ware |
| 2nd. Tugger Palmer | 2nd. Malia Smith |
| <u>Senior Men Straight</u> | 3rd. Estee Tall Bear |
| 1st. Ralph Haymond, Jr. | 4th. Shana Tahhahwah |
| 2nd. Zack Morris | <u>Junior Boys Straight</u> |
| 3rd. Joe Fish Dupoint | 1st. Chad Toehay |
| 4th. Berwyn Moses | 2nd. Howard Cozad |
| <u>Senior Men Traditional</u> | 3rd. Hubert Kaulaity |
| 1st. Pat Moore | 4th. Thomas Kaulaity |
| 2nd. Morgan Tosee | <u>Junior Boys Fancy</u> |
| 3rd. Shannon Leroy | 1st. Courtney Yarholar |
| 4th. Kenny Shane | 2nd. Greg Victors |
| <u>Senior Men Fancy</u> | 3rd. Eldon Johnson |
| 1st. George Alexander | 4th. Sly Issac |
| 2nd. Walter Ahhaity | <u>Junior Boys</u> |
| 3rd. R.G. Harris | <u>Traditional</u> |
| 4th. Kevin Connywerdy | 1st. Darrell Cable, Jr. |
| <u>Senior Men Grass</u> | 2nd. Elvis Keel |
| 1st. Willie Nelson Red-Elk | 3rd. Josh Leadingfox |
| 2nd. Marty Pinnecoose | 4th. Aria Lieb |
| 3rd. Sidrick Baker | <u>Junior Boys Grass</u> |
| 4th. Richard Street | 1st. Keeno Yellowfish |
| <u>Senior Women Cloth</u> | Gallegos |
| 1st. Sandy Tate | 2nd. Jasen Pacheco |
| Nevaquaya | 3rd. Shannon McCoy |
| | 4th. Nick Hunter |

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Glenn LaZelle, Right, Shows A Headdress To A Group Including Regional Representatives Susan Campbell (In Blue) And Philonese Williams (In Yellow)



Above: Bustle Of A Fancy Dancer Adds To The Many Colors At The Pow wow. Left: Full-Blood Potawatomi Isaac Kahdot, 95, Enjoys His First Pow Wow. Below: Brightly Colored Wares Attracted Shoppers To The Many Vendors Set Up On The Pow Wow Grounds.



Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett Cools Off With A Drink Of Water During The First Night Of A Very Warm Pow Wow



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Hubert Spaulding Hurls His Horseshoe Through The Air At The Annual Tournament On Saturday, June 26. As Usual, He Was One Of The Winners (See Below).



Jess Delonais, Right, Claimed First Prize In The Horseshoe Tournament, With Hubert Spaulding, Left, Placing Second And F.D. Rhodd (Rear) Coming In Third



Tribal Member Leonard Kubriak, Left, His Wife Phyllis, Second From Right, Of Choctaw, Oklahoma, And Tribal Member Glenda Payne of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Visited Tribal Health Services During The Pow Wow For Free Screenings. Helping Them Was Tribal Nurse Loretta Miller, Second From Left.



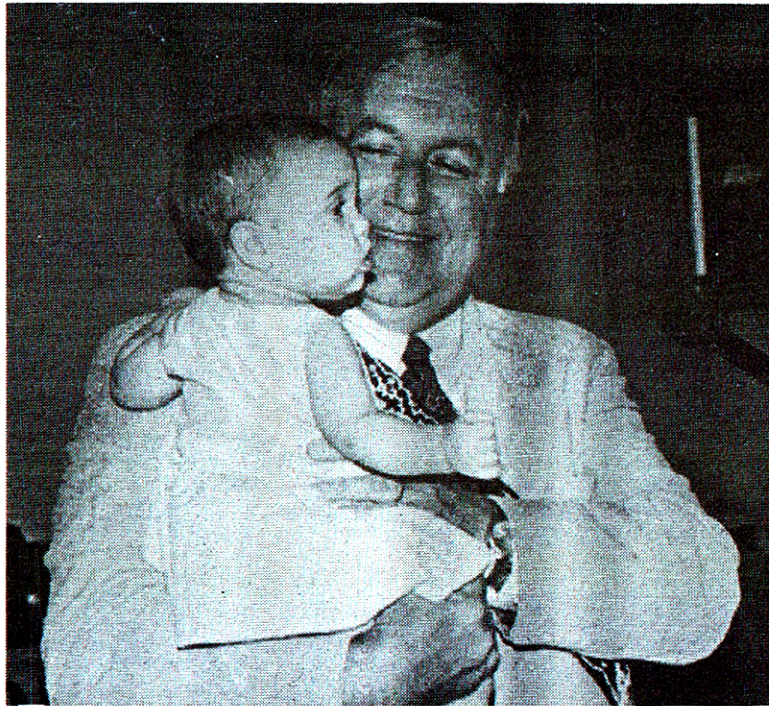
LPN Judy Wood, Right, Was Available At Health Services To Take Blood Pressures. She Is Shown Helping Ardis O'Connor, Left, Who Works With The Child Care Block Grant Program.



Christine Wood, Left, Gave Free Blood Sugar Tests To Tribal Members During The Pow Wow. Here She Is Testing Don Keel of Ada.

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Grandpa John A. Barrett Proudly Introduces Youngest Tribal Member, Granddaughter Emily



Chairman Barrett, Right, Greets Wisest Tribal Member At Council Meeting, Who Was Again Fannie Long, Accompanied By Grandsons

Tribal members celebrate at annual General Council

By Gloria Trotter

It was celebration of what the Citizen Band Potawatomi people have become.

The Long Room of the Ship-She-Wano administration building began to fill with eager tribal members well before the 3 p.m. start of the annual General Council meeting June 25. Some staff members became somewhat apprehensive, fearing a rerun of councils a decade ago when tempers flared and charges were hurled.

But the Potawatomi people came to celebrate — to celebrate a peaceful election, to celebrate the business successes of one of the nation's most progressive tribes, to celebrate the annual gathering of families that, after all, is what Council is all about. The mood was almost magical as love and pride mingled with aroma of the sacred tobacco used to prepare the room this hot June afternoon.

It began when Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker called on past Tribal Chairman Paul Schmidtkofer and several tribal elders to offer the opening prayer in the spirit of healing old wounds and looking to the future. Then the eloquent Philip Lujan, Chief Judge of the tribal court, came forward to offer his thoughts before swearing in the newly re-elected tribal officials.

"Some may miss the previous



Paul McIntire Reports On First Oklahoma Bank

days of this Council when there was more excitement," he said with a twinkle in his eye, recalling a Council meeting just ten years ago when threats were made and weapons brandished, and those at the Council meeting ended up in court very late that night as disputed election results were resolved. In that court hearing, Lujan declared the tribe's brand-new absentee voting law invalid and called a new election, although later absentee voting rights were re-enacted to the court's satisfaction.

"The Potawatomi Tribe has opened my eyes to something," Lujan told the 1994 Council. "Participation is not necessarily from the people nearby — this

tribe has a great deal of support from people across the nation ... I did not think it was viable (absentee voting), but the Potawatomi Tribe is a living example." Lujan, who also works with many other tribes, said the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe "has made great strides ... it is one of only two or three gaining momentum."

After Lujan administered the oath of office to re-elected Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis (both unopposed), Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett picked up on his comments. "We have suddenly become a nation of laws instead of personalities," noted Barrett. "Our court system

and absentee voting have made a tremendous difference in the way we do business."

Barrett also took time to talk about the late Murlin Derebery, president of the tribally-owned First Oklahoma Bank who was killed in accident only five days before the General Council meeting. "Murlin was a phenomenal man," he said. "He was a great gift to this community ... and brought the tribe a great deal of recognition ... we celebrate the life he led and the things he did for this tribe."

A special treat at the Council meeting was a visit by Shirley Willard, president of the Fulton County (Indiana) Historical Society. She was introduced by Washington Regional Representative Susan Campbell, who recalled this year's re-enactment of the 1838 Trail of Death in which 40 Potawatomi died. She noted that people in Jacksonville, Illinois, who had helped the Potawatomi more than 100 years ago came out again this year to greet the marchers with songs and gifts.

"Indiana would be a better place if the Potawatomi had stayed," said Willard, who talked about the recognition the march had received and a project to construct markers along the route. She presented a copy of a proclamation from the Indiana

Legislature to Barrett, who said that the framed documents would be turned over to Esther Lowden for display in the museum. Campbell presented Mary Farrell with several books for the tribal archives, two concerning the Trail of Death and several others from Nick Clark of the Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie, Indiana, including a new book of George Winters paintings.

Election Committee Chairman Don Yott was called upon to give the results of the annual election, which this year consisted of voting on the budget for interest earned on set-aside funds. Yott reported that there were 249 absentee votes in favor of the budget and 48 absentee votes against; 81 live votes in favor and 33 live votes against for a total of 330 for and 81 against. "That means that only two percent of our tribal population voted," noted Barrett, "only six or seven percent of our eligible voters."

A familiar name was called when it came time to determine the wisest tribal member present. Fannie Long, 89, claimed the honor as she has many times in the past. And the name was again familiar but the face a new one when it came time to recognize the youngest enrolled tribal member. Emmaline Blain Barrett,

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Chairman Barrett Looks On And Washington Representative Susan Campbell Applauds As Shirley Willard Displays Framed Proclamation



Isaac Kahdot, The Last Full-Blood Potawatomi, Poses With Chairman Barrett



Tribal Archivist Mary Farrell, Left, Accepts Gift Books From Susan Campbell, Washington Representative



Chairman Barrett Greets Angela Thompson of Bordeaux, France, Who Traveled Farthest

Tribe's progress detailed in reports

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the seven-month-old granddaughter of the chairman and first-born daughter of Josh and Suzanne Barrett, was a favorite with the crowd as well as her grandfather when he hoisted her in his arms to introduce her to her tribe.

It was no contest as to who came farthest for Council. Angela Thompson, whose great-great-grandmother died on the Trail of Death, came all the way from Bordeaux, France.

In annual reports to the Council, members heard from:

- Tribal Attorney Michael Minnis, who reported that the federal district court has not yet ruled on the trust case with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. "We decided just to let it sit there," he said, noting that a temporary injunction is in place preventing the Shawnees from placing any more land into trust. "We're protected for the time being," Minnis said. He also reported that "we're trying to move from a confrontational situation with the state," noting that the Potawatomi signed a tobacco compact and "tried on others." He said the state is "not really

interested in cooperating ... we negotiated two years on beer and liquor and suddenly they decided they weren't authorized to negotiate ... it's not going away, and the federal government is not helping." Minnis also pointed out that the state, after signing the tobacco compact with the tribe, "decided not to enforce the rules against the others, leaving us at a competitive disadvantage ... the compact otherwise means essentially nothing. I believe the state lacks good faith."

- First Oklahoma Bank Cashier and Controller Paul McIntire, who reported that construction of the new bank building is 80 percent complete and should be ready in early September. Noting that the project is debt-free, McIntire credited Derebery with the bank's progress and said that he is "confident that, based on his (Derebery's) vision and past leadership, we will continue to prosper."

- Jim Denton of the tribe's outside accounting firm, who reported that the tribe's revenue is up 20 percent and that the tribe has earned \$400,000 in investment income. He noted that the tribe spends \$4 million annually,

half on health and human services. "We are relying more and more on gaming revenue," Denton said, "and it is under constant scrutiny. You can't make too much from gaming now — we're watching that area real close." He emphasized that there are "solid controls — very little slips through here. I'm amazed at the accounting system here." He reminded those present that the tribal accounting office, under Finance Director Carolyn Sullivan, has won numerous awards for their work and should continue to.

A highlight of the Council meeting came when Isaac Kahdot arrived. Kahdot, who is 95, is believed to be the last living full-blooded Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal member. Barrett presented him with a hand-carved walking stick, which Kahdot quickly informed him he appreciated but didn't need. Kahdot, who lives in Oklahoma City, had never before attended a General Council or Pow Wow, but enjoyed both thoroughly. Many tribal members, including Chairman Barrett, posed for photographs with him.



IN YOUR OPINION



Information sought on photo

Dear Editor,

The enclosed photograph is a copy taken from the original and was given to the Bourbonnais Gove Historical Society by a descendant of the Chabert family (also spelled Chabare, Showbar or Chobar). It is believed to be a photograph of one of the Chaberts and his Potawatomi wife. We are hopeful one of your readers might have similar photograph or might be able to give us some informatin about these two people. Notice that the woman's dress is distinctive with a high, round collar, some type of shoulder decoration and that she is wearing an apron.

The name Chabert is associated with the fur trade in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana during the early 1800s. Gurdon S. Hubbard, an employee of the American Fur Company, was sent to the Iroquois River (in northeastern Illinois) in 1823 to compete with a trader named "Chabare." This Chabare/Chabert (probably Isadore Chabert) was, according to Hubbard, working for the Ewings of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Records indicate that Isadore was married to Mesawkequa and had one son by her, George W. Chabert. This is the same Mesawkequa who received two sections of land at Waisuskuk's village by the Oct. 20, 1832, treaty of Camp Tippecanoe.

Also enclosed is my \$20 donation to the HowNiKan. Please continue my subscription.

Sincerely,

Vic Johnson
Illinois

HowNiKan helps find long-lost cousin

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's monthly publication of the *HowNiKan* newspaper, I was able to locate one of my cousins whom I had not seen or heard from in over fifty nine years.

I was born at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, on Nov. 30, 1918, and am retired from the military with time on my hands. I happened to think while I was reading the *HowNiKan* that it may be possible to locate one of my cousins. My mother Mary had four sisters, Rosa, Margaret, Josephine and Theresa. My mother Mary was the oldest, Josephine died at an early age, the remaining sisters all had families of several children. I was Mary's twelfth child. Mary was married twice, one son by her first husband and six sons and five daughters by her second marriage to Tilden Clapp. Two boys and two girls died at an early age.

I am the sole survivor of Mary's family. Rocky Baptiste is the last of Rosa's family and Vincent Dewitt Smith is the last of Theresa's family.

The 1994 Potawatomi Pow Wow was the first I had ever attended. Rocky Baptiste and I decided we would try to meet there during the three day celebration. Rocky brought his wife and one daughter, the latter two, I had never met. The last



Cousins Rocky Baptiste, Vincent Smith, Tillman Clapp Reunited At Pow Wow

time I saw Rocky was in August of 1935. I had heard of Vincent Dewitt Smith, son of my Aunt Theresa, but had not seen him until he came to the Pow Wow, as he and Rocky had stayed in touch over the years.

The meeting of two cousins I really wasn't sure even existed has meant an awful lot to me. I wish to thank Mary Farrell, Director of Tribal Rolls, and the *HowNiKan* monthly paper.

I also would like to say thanks to such an entertaining program with the most beautiful spectacular colors I have ever seen

displayed in any entertaining performance I have ever seen, and there was no cover charge (all free). God willing, I will come next year, hopefully my two cousins will also.

I had two nieces from Kansas, Juanita Irene Monroe and Verla Brewer, and Janice Kitson from Lancaster, Texas.

Thanks again for such enjoyment of a well-planned, trouble free weekend of entertainment.

Sincerely,

Tillman Clapp
Missouri

Farrell thanked for enrollment assistance

Mary,

Enclosed please find the applications for my grandchildren for enrollment.

When I was at the headquarters in May of this year, you helped me enroll one of my daughters. At the time I updated all four daughters' addresses and

asked for Tribal Cards with our numbers (which we had never had). I think I made a mistake and gave you the wrong spelling for Donna.

I want to thank you for the excellent service that you provide. You made me feel so at ease with all the paper work that was

to be completed. We visited the Tribal Store next door and shopped for hours in there. It certainly is a wonderful place. Would like all my kids to see this wonderful project.

Thank you again,

Patsy Thompson
California

Child care assistance available to tribal members, staff

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Child Care Block Grant Program has funds available to assist eligible tribal members in paying the cost of day care and before and after school care.

To be eligible the parent must be:

1) either a Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal member or

employee

2) working, in training or enrolled in an education program

3) reside within the state of Oklahoma

4) meet eligibility requirements based on family size and income

The child(ren) must be:

1) in need of day care assis-

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2) under the age of 13; or if a special needs child or in need of protective services, under the age of 18

If you have questions or would like to see if you meet the eligibility requirements, please call the Child Care Block Grant Office at (405) 275-1248 or stop by the office.

MIDWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL

May 14, 1994 ★ Shawnee Mission Park ★ Overland Park, Kansas



Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., left, with the Wisest Person at the Midwest Regional, 84-year-old Orville Adams of Kansas City

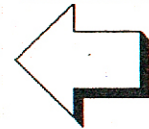


Virginia Pearl of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, traveled the longest distance. She is shown here with Chairman Barrett.

Relaxing during the Midwest Regional were, left to right, Patricia Moulin, Larry Moulin, Leo Nadeau and Ida Nadeau



There was a close contest for youngest. Mom Nancy (right) holds winner Hannha Jones, 13 months. Tanner Joeckel and his mom, Rhonda, are at left. Tanner is 13½ months old.



Shoppers at the Midwest Regional look over items brought from the Tribal Museum and Gift Store in Shawnee

MIDWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL

★ A Celebration of Our Cultural Heritage ★

Some of the guests at
the Midwest Regional
Council came
appropriately attired



The Bathurst Family had the best seats and the best view!



Members of the Spaulding Family pause for a photo with Chairman Barrett



Maryann Frank, Midwest regional coordinator, with Business Committee Member Jerry Motley



Melinda and Kevin Boydston with their daughter, Victoria. They're from Liberty, Mo.



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